

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

April 11, 2021

Reflections

*The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not at the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hand:
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.*

~ hymn, "The Sands of Time are Sinking"

Marriage requires a radical commitment to love our spouses as they are, while longing for them to become what they are not yet. Every marriage moves either toward enhancing one another's glory or toward degrading each other.

~ Dan Allender

This is a great mystery as God operated on the first man to produce his bride, his help meet, so He has operated upon the Second Man to do the same thing in an infinitely more glorious manner.

~D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

Look not for perfection in your relation, God reserve that for another state where marriage is not needed. ~ Thomas Thatcher

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 54:5-10 (responsive)

⁵For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶**For the LORD has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.**

⁷For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.

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**⁸In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”
says the LORD, your Redeemer.**

**⁹“This is like the days of Noah to me:
as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.**

**¹⁰For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.**

Song of Praise — Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night,
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
“Our God is all in all.” (chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Response in Song — Have Your Way with Me O God

Have Your way with me, O God
In the temple of my heart
Let reverent love and holy awe
Be lifted unto You
The truth my inmost being claim
Til sin and shadows flee away
Teach my feet to love Your ways
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford
They left me destitute and poor
Now all I want is Christ
A passion for the gospel burns
To love Your bride, the holy church
Wash me with Your blood and Word
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way
I look to You for strength and faith
I need Your presence and Your grace
To persevere this hour
Complete in me what You've begun
Keep me by Your sovereign love
In my weakness, Spirit, come
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me
You bled for all who would believe
Let my life become a seed
And give me grace to die
Display through my surrendered life
Your selfless love and sacrifice
Until Your glory fills the sky
Be praised and glorified

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 5:3-10

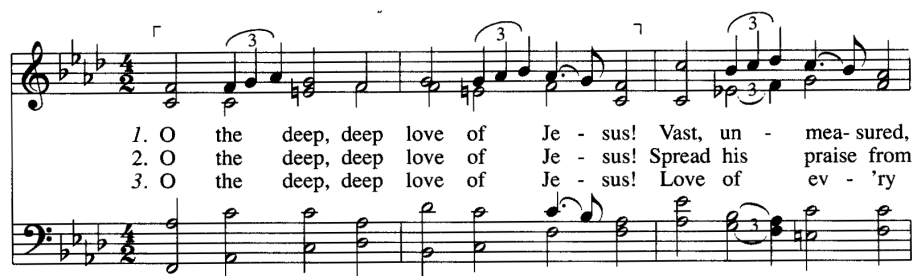
³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

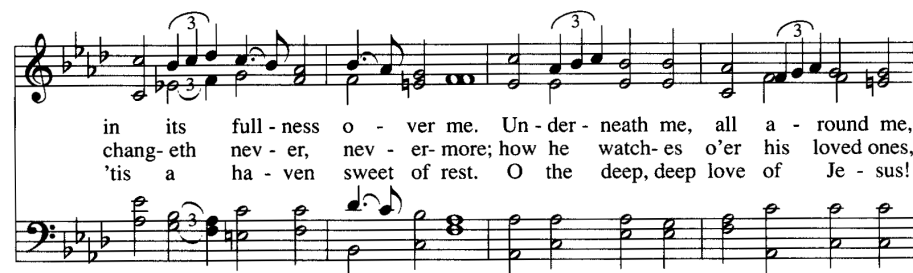
Response in Song — O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



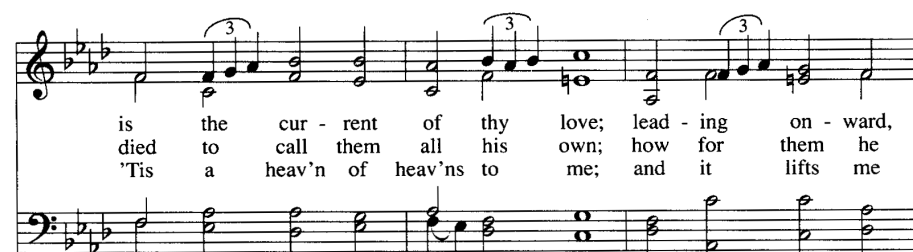
1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry



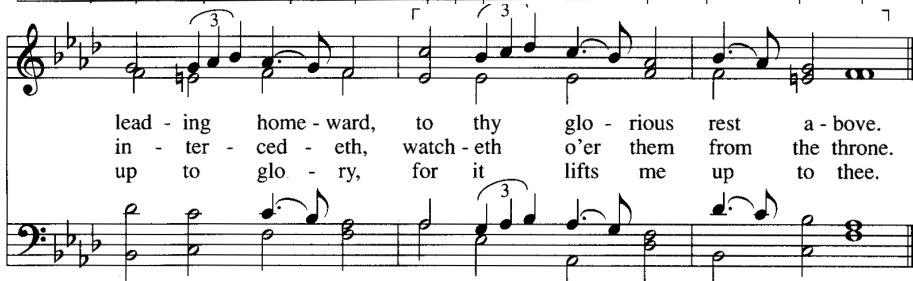
bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,



in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!



is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me



lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Congregational Prayer

Offering* 1 Chronicles 29:12 — ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — Ephesians 5:21-33

²¹...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sermon — Marriage: as Christ Loved the Church

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Benediction

Postlude

Marriage: as Christ Loved the Church

Ephesians 5:21-33

1. Christ's Astounding Love

2. Spouses Imitating Love

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks for the work of the Wise family and pray for them as they continue their trek this week to Nevada.
- Pray for Dana Bishoff as she continues to have health issues. Pray for wisdom for the doctors that they might be able to come up with a clear diagnosis and treatment soon.
- Pray for Marc Ohlwiler and David Chism as they begin their deacon training. Pray that the Lord would raise up more men to serve as elder and deacon at New Hope.
- Pray for the upcoming May 1st meeting of the presbytery of the mid-Atlantic.
- Give thanks for those who serve at New Hope each week so that we can meet for worship.
- Pray for the marriages at New Hope — that they will be Christ centered and Christ honoring.
- Pray for the other couples from New Hope who are preparing to marry: Emily Howard/Leo Zavala and Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Jen William's brother, Mike, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that God will continue to provide for all their needs.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in the community, with our neighbors, and those we work with. Pray that hearts and minds will be turned toward Christ.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missions of the month — the foreign missions of the OPC. Pray for protection for those who serve in hostile environments. Pray, too, for generous giving to Worldwide Outreach which supports the ministries of the OPC in Home Missions, Christian Education, and Foreign Mission.
- Pray for Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve with Pastor Pramod and his wife Rama in Nepal.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she ministers in Merkinch, Scotland. Pray that, despite the brokenness of the schemes and the despair that is often evident, that the truth of Christ risen from the dead will ring within the schemes and bring life and hope and joy.
- Pray for Kristen in Europe as she ministers to those in need both spiritually and physically. Pray for the long-term care for those most vulnerable in her community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Ladies' Night Out, April 15th at Ann Burden's home at 7:00 pm.
- Trustee Meeting, April 20, 7:30 pm
- Mid-Atlantic Presbytery Meeting, Saturday, May 1

Ladies' Night Out is back! - Ladies, please join us for a casual gathering at Ann Burden's patio at 7:00pm, Thursday, April 15. Some waters and light dessert will be provided, but feel free to BYOB and BYODessert, too! There will be some chairs available but you may want to bring your own in case of a high turn-out. Masking is not required. Ann lives at 4408 Noah Ct, Mt. Airy, MD. Are you interested in hosting our May 20th LNO on YOUR deck or patio? If so, contact Eleese Layman (eleese.layman@gmail.com).

Ladies' Bible Study, meeting every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in Sunday School room #3. These meetings will be a time for prayer, and for a review of our previous studies of *Extravagant Grace, God's Glory Displayed in our Weakness* by Barbara Duguid. New ladies are welcome. We will observe face-masking and social distancing, although this is subject to change based on local Covid infection rates and vaccination status of participants. Bring a brown bag lunch if you would like to stay after the meeting for a social time. Please call Jackie Plowman if you have any questions.

Stay Tuned!, as things continue to open up and more are coming to church activities, we have many areas of ministry opportunity for the people of New Hope. Stay tuned for details that are coming soon!

Joining the Church, on Sunday, April 25th, we will have several joining New Hope! Bruce & Susan Johnson and Jim & Lora Washburn will be joining via reaffirmation of faith; Joel, Aria, and Chalice Chism will be joining by profession of faith.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Ephesians 5:31-32 ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Westminster Confession 25.1. The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.

Monday: According to Eph 5:22-25, what things has Christ done for the church? How much did Christ sacrifice (Phil 2:7-8)? How much did he hold back? What is the church he died for like (1 Cor 3:3, 5:1-2, Rev 2-3)? How does Christ's love for you radically transform the way you treat others (Eph 4:32, 5:1-2, 1 Jn 3:16)? How will you practice this?

Tuesday: Eph 5:25-30. What is Christ's goal with his church? What means does he use (v 26)? What is Christ's attitude and treatment of his bride (v 29)? Ponder the glory of that truth! If you conformed your goals for family, friends, and neighbors to Christ's goal and attitude, what would change? Pray that you do this.

Wednesday: Eph 5:22-33 is actually an outworking of 5:18, and, more broadly, 5:1-2. What does the Spirit have to do with these verses? How does “for Christ” put all these verses in their best context -in other words, who is this about? I believe Eph 5:22-33 is simply living less for self, and rather imitating Christ and living for God's glory by serving others first. Where can you practice that today?

Thursday: Eph 5:22-24, 33. How ought the church to respond to Christ's clear, sacrificial love, cherishing, and splendourizing? Submit and respect are almost synonyms. What attitude do they reveal? Does this make a woman less than a man in any way? How well do you honor others/your husband in your attitude, words, and actions? Pray for the wives in our church, as well as growth in honoring others, and a contentment with God's ordering.

Friday: Eph 5:25-33. Ponder the high call to sacrificial, cherishing, sanctifying love to which Christ calls men/husbands. How is God calling you to sacrifice for others, to put their interests before yours? How can you cherish someone/your wife today? Did Christ do this to “get something back”? Pray for the husbands in our church, as well as growth in cherishing others, and a glad sacrificing of our own ambitions, desires.

Saturday: We ought to lament the “clayness” of the church, but what does 2 Cor 4:7, and 8-12 say the brokenness displays?